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The Committee has provided a \$2,000,000 increase above the request for cooperative lands forest health management; this increase should be used to assist in restoring urban areas and communities through identifying and replanting trees infested and killed by the emerald ash borer.

The Committee encourages the Service to use existing State and private forestry authorities to assist in restoring urban and community forests through identifying and replanting trees infested and killed by the emerald ash borer. The Service should use base program funding to continue important technology development and scientific monitoring of the emerald ash borer situation and report to the Committee by December 31, 2009 on the emerald ash borer program and the overall scientific, monitoring, technology development and urban and rural response to clean-up and restore damaged areas. The Committee directs the Administration and the USDA to use existing emergency authorities to release USDA funds to assist impacted communities with responding to this emergency, just as they have during previous pest and agricultural emergencies.